

FSU College of Medicine honors clinical faculty in Fort Pierce

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FORT PIERCE — Two prestigious awards were presented Sept. 22, when the Fort Pierce Regional Campus of the Florida State University College of Medicine gathered its faculty members for a night of appreciation and academic updates.

The event took place at the Treasure Coast Public Safety Training Complex on the campus of Indian River State College in Fort Pierce. The keynote speaker was John P. Fogarty, M.D., dean of the FSU College of Medicine, who presented an update on the achievements and ongoing success of the college.

The regional campus faculty is composed of over 250 active Treasure Coast physicians who take turns teaching 40 third- and fourth-year medical students. The students work one-on-one with the physicians and gain clinical experience through seeing patients in the local hospitals, surgery centers, physicians' offices and other ambulatory care facilities.

Two faculty members received awards from Juliette Lomax-Homier, M.D., dean of the Fort Pierce campus.

One, titled Guardian of the Mission, is for a physician whose activities have furthered the college's mission to "educate and develop exemplary physicians who practice patient-centered health care, discover and advance knowledge and are responsive to community needs, especially through service to elder, rural, minority and underserved populations." Myron Rolle, a fourth-year student, presented this award to Gary Silverman, M.D., internal medicine physician at Treasure Coast Primary Care in Vero Beach. Silverman has been a clinical assistant professor for the Fort Pierce Regional Campus since 2008. In those eight years, he has taught every single Fort Pierce graduate during his or her fourth year geriatrics rotation. He carries out the mission of the FSU College of Medicine through his tireless work with our elderly population. One student commented, "He is truly a physician that embodies the mission at FSU. He is extremely patient centered and caring. He has a passion for teaching which is apparent in the way he interacts with students. He is a great role model and teacher!"

The other award, Outstanding Community Faculty Educator, is for exemplary achievement in meeting student educational needs, working collaboratively, dedication to the curriculum principles and enthusiasm for teaching. Tamara Marryshow Granados, fourth-year student, presented this award to Lawrence Kantor, M.D., family medicine physician in the Martin Health System physician group at Martin Family Care in Stuart. He has been a clinical assistant professor with the FSU Fort Pierce campus since 2008. He teaches many of our third-year students in their family medicine clerkship and is an active participant in our faculty development sessions. Tamara commented, "From day one, he welcomed me into his office as part of his team and engaged me at every level of patient care. He met with me before office hours every single day to go over questions and discuss concepts and also stayed late to do the same. His patients, staff, colleagues and students adore him for this very same reason; going above and beyond comes naturally to him. I will be a better physician one day for having had his kind and gentle mentorship."

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